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SATURDAY.....JULY 28, 1900.

Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity.

Fair, moderate temperature.

A WORD TO BOYS.

Boys little know how their elders, particularly the men of business, watch their characters and lives as they are growing up. While in the role of street urchin, running barefoot and practicing the demagogical devices of the craft, they are moulding opinions which are to make or mar them in the future. The matter of primary importance to every business man is that of trusted subordinates. Reliable and efficient employees are priceless to men of business, and the disposition to watch out for character is second nature to such. So, possibly years before a boy is aware that even his name is known to the over-worked business man, his character and disposition are mentally indexed for future reference. Hence it is that in after years some youths are ignored by the business men of the community, and they have trouble in securing desirable positions, while others are sought after and command good salaries.

If the boys could be impressed with the fact that their characters are thus going to record on the mental tablets of the best men of the community, there is little doubt that it would be a greater incentive to lead correct lives, such as would leave an impress upon characters that are in the moulding state. It must not be inferred that men view with disfavor the pranks and so-called "badness" in boys. They know that a boy of strong character usually displays these traits, yet is free from dispositions to be mean, self, selfish, false in tongue and action for given to dishonorable dealings, even in his little sphere. These are characteristics which distinguish the dishonorable boy from the many one, and the sharp-eyed business man is quick to detect them. When possessing the desirable traits a youth is never forgotten by his elders, and though he may leave home for a period of years, upon his return he is at once recalled and recognized by an involuntary reference to memory's pages. The same is true of the characterless boy. His elders recall him, and through life, no matter how much he may have done to redeem himself, the record stands, and comes to the front unbidden whenever he is seen or heard of.

Almost invariably the characteristics displayed in boyhood follow into youth, and, in manhood he who earnestly desires to reform, finds the shirt of Nessus, woven in youth, binding him with its strong folds; and few are able to rid themselves of it. This is the stage of life when the reflecting young man first wishes that he could live over again his boyhood. But our dissertation is digressing—we were writing for the benefit of the boys, all of whom we love; they are the men of the future who are to take our places. For, when we, who may be blessed with long life, are old and gray it is the boy of to-day who is moving this old world—theoretically in the word, practically in the sense.

Of the boy who has grown into the young man Hetty Green, "the richest woman in America," and the peer in business of any Wall Street broker, makes the following striking observations in the Ladies' Home Journal: "One trouble with many young men who start out in business is they try to do too many things at once. The result is that they don't know as much as they ought to know about any one thing, and, therefore, they are not successful. The man who only carries out the thoughts and ideas of another is nothing more than a mere tool. Men who can be trusted upon any business are always in demand. The secret thing in the world of today is a thoroughly reliable man."

DURING the recent National Educational Association at Charleston, S. C., the newspapers stated that Prof. Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, was accorded the platform one evening, and that he drew the largest crowd of any speaker during the Association. Something has certainly come over the spirit of the hot-blooded Carolinians, and that something is the very commendable disposition of the white man in the South to give the negro fair play and an equal chance when the colored brother displays the proper desire and a worthy character. In ignorance—of any class, race or climate—the chief danger to the social, moral and political integrity of a nation.

The punishment of Cadet Bunker for hazing Cadet Norris at West Point, has resulted in placing under arrest the entire corps. The punishment inflicted upon Bunker was resented by the corps in the way of disrespect to the lieutenants in charge, so the whole corps was deprived of supper, ordered to stand half an hour at dress parade, and then told to consider themselves under arrest until further orders. But this is not all the punishment the boys get—they are now deprived of their social hopes and of seeing their best girls.

In making Teddy Roosevelt discard his big but there is a suggestion that the Republicans feared that he was talking through it—Richmond News. We were under the impression that Teddy's hat-maker followed him to Cuba, and that ever since he has been taking measurements of that hero's swelling head. It is not to be supposed that a hat of recent make would fit him now; hence the discarding referred to.

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Thomas H. Gill and Daisy A. Edwards, both of Fauquier County, were married in Washington Thursday.

The Trig Shipbuilding Company, of Richmond, will bid for the construction of the battleship Virginia.

Over 40,000 tons of New River coal will be exported from Newport News in the next few days for use in foreign countries.

There is a movement on foot to reduce the number of public schools of the State in order to have longer sessions and better teachers.

Mr. Mosby Wilson, of Prince William County, died very suddenly Monday morning. He was about thirty years old and unmarried.

The fourth annual race meet of the Culpeper Horse and Club will be held at Monticello Park August 21 and 22. The entries are already large for last year.

Mrs. Malissa Hill, who has made her home for thirty years with the family of Mr. O. F. Chief, of Culpeper, to whom she was related, died Wednesday, aged sixty-four years.

Seven hundred citizens of Albemarle County, Va., have signed a petition for the re-election of Hon. John E. Massey and Mr. W. H. Box as delegates to the State Constitutional Convention.

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Those rhetorical "united paths" and "unforeseen responsibilities," which the Republican platform so beautifully says Mr. McKinley has faced with true American patriotism, would lead one to believe that he had taken upon himself the whole of the white man's burden.

The unanimity which characterized the candidacy of Mr. Jones and the action of the Democratic nominating convention here this week will, no doubt, warn Republican aspirants to reserve their time and means till some future day.

REPRESENTATIVE JOY, of St. Louis, says he would not be surprised to see Missouri go Republican this fall. No doubt the event would multiply the Joys.

THREE OAKS, Michigan, has a newspaper called "The Aorn." These Michiganers apparently possess an aptness for dubbing things.

SINCE Hanna is pleased, and Jones is pleased, and Bryan is pleased, political funeral directors will hesitate to lay in their usual stock of crepe.

DEMOCRATIC editors may now proceed to "cuss" the Hon. Webster Davis for forcing them to write so many adjectives.

The Republicans have imperialism and the Democrats have silver, and as it's a fair start the suffragists say "go."

DR. WISE, of the Second Congressional District, should be able to prescribe for his own case.

SO FAR Mr. Bryan has proven himself victor. It remains to be seen if "to the victor belong the spoils."

MR. W. D. BYNUM seems to have become an objective lesson.

POLITICAL.

John Barrett, former Minister to Siam under President Cleveland, has been appointed a campaign speaker by the Republicans.

Chairman Martin, of the Democratic State Committee of Indiana, says that unless the railroads give just terms the Bryan notification meeting at Indianapolis may be declared off.

John B. Goode, of Idaho, son of John Goode, of Virginia, formerly a well-known Democratic politician in the Old Dominion and Solicitor-General during the Cleveland administration, went to Idaho during the Cleveland administration as attorney to assist in the suit against the Union Pacific railway. Since then he has made his home in that far Western State. He is at present taking much active interest in the politics of Idaho, and is prominently mentioned as the candidate for Governor of that State.

There is a movement on foot to call a convention of the Richmond Democrat to make up a slate for delegates to the Constitutional Convention. The idea meets with the approval of many of the most prominent party leaders. Some of the Democratic politicians will, however, watch the movement with suspicion until it is demonstrated that the corporate interests are not in control of it, with a view of selecting certain attorneys as delegates. It is expected that a conference will be held very soon to determine upon a course to pursue in the selection of delegates.

There are one hundred thousand soldiers serving the government in various parts of the world who will not vote this year. Government officers say they have nothing to do with the voting of the fighters. Some of the big States have several thousand men in the ranks and it is said that their votes might have an important bearing on the result. They will figure in the election, however, unless State officials having authority bestir themselves and arrange to send commissioners to the military stations. It should be noted that the presidential vote for the first time be cast in Cuba, Porto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, and probably China, as well as in this country.

Politics Running High in North Carolina.

Red Shirts up the Wilmington and Weldon railroad were on lookout for Senator Marion Butler Wednesday, who was advertised to speak at Willard, a few miles from Rose Hill, where the registrar trial demonstration took place this week. He did not come, however, but sent R. B. Davis, secretary of State Populist Executive Committee, who spoke to about 75 Populists.

At Warsaw, an especially large crowd of Red-Shirts gave in waiting for the train instead of Butler's wrath was turned against him, and it was only by the strongest efforts of conservatives that they were restrained from maltreating Davis.

Marvin Grove Camp. A report has been circulated that Marvin Grove Camp Meeting, in Richmond County, will not be held beginning August 8, and continuing ten days. The camp will be held as previously determined upon and on date named.

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